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July 23, 2018

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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia SC 29210

Re:

Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal high-cost support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

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The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2018, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will be reduced as set forth in the federal regulation. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2018, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C). Please note that the Commission's certification letter to the FCC and USAC must reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.

Margaret M. Fox

MMF:khh Enclosures

cc:

Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

Christopher Rozycki

Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire James E. Spearman, PH.D.

Doug Pratt

Company Representatives (See Distribution List)

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# ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company)	240542
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
FTC Communications, LLC	249002
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>David Armistead</u>. I am employed by <u>Bluffton Telephone</u> <u>Company</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, (the "Company") as its <u>SVP & Secretary</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Bluffton Telephone Company</u>, <u>Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Bluffton Telephone Company</u>, <u>Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David Armistead SVP & Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_

02/27/28

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ASHE

COMPANY: CHESNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is CINDY ROTHSTEIN. I am employed by CHESNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY (the "Company") as its EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

CINDY ROTHSTEIN, CPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of day of 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR NORTH CAROLINA

tamela Tribble Weaver

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 7-24-21



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Chester Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chester Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_18<sup>th</sup>\_ day of \_\_July\_\_ 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: <u>12 - 31 - 2023</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: <u>COMPORIUM, INC.</u> STUDY AREA NUMBER: <u>240542</u>

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Charles G. Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Comporium, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>VP Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Comporium, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Comporium, Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Charles G. Lunsford VP – Regulatory Affairs

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Knsthe R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jeffrey L. Lawrimore</u>. I am employed by <u>Farmers Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jeffrey L. Lawrimore Chief Financial Officer

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Diane Marie Banar

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3 30 2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: FTC Communications, LLC STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is *Jeffrey L. Lawrimore*. I am employed by *FTC Communications*. <u>LLC</u> (the "Company") as its *Chief Financial Officer*. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. FTC Communications, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to FTC Communications, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Lawrimore Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of July 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: March 30, 2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Charles G. Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> (the "Company") as its <u>VP Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Charles G. Lunsford VP – Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2018

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Knishne R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>David Armistead</u>. I am employed by <u>Hargray Telephone</u>
  <u>Company, Inc.</u>, (the "Company") as its <u>SVP & Secretary</u>. I am an officer of the Company
  and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being
  given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as
  contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David Armistead SVP & Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 18th day of Luly 2018

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 02/27/28

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF Berkeley** 

COMPANY: <u>Home Telephone ILEC, LLC</u> STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>William S. Helmly</u> I am employed by <u>Home Telephone ILEC</u>, <u>LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>President & CEO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Home Telephone ILEC, LLC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Home Telephone ILEC, LLC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William S. Helmly President & CEO

2018.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this  $9^{4h}$  day of  $\sqrt{3}$ 

JOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Debra D. Mc Griff

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: August 13, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF Horry** 

COMPANY: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Carlton Lewis. I am employed by Horry Telephone (the "Company") as its CFO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Horry Telephone hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Horry Telephone was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

**CFO** 

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 10

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: August 31, 2026



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Charles G. Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Lancaster Telephone Company</u> (the "Company") as its <u>VP Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Lancaster Telephone Company</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Lancaster Telephone Company</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Charles G. Lunsford VP – Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 11th day of 1014 2018

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Krishne R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Lockhart Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lockhart Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_18<sup>th</sup>\_ day of \_\_July\_\_ 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

**COUNTY OF DANE** 

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Joel Dohmeier
Vice President
McClellanville Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of July ,

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Norway Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Joel Dohmeier Vice President Norway Telephone Company, Inc.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSI

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF <u>COLLETON</u>

COMPANY: <u>PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.</u>

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Jason J. Dandridge</u>. I am employed by <u>Palmetto Rural</u> <u>Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jason J. Dandridge Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this <u>and</u> day of <u>July</u> 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Karen L Bridge Printed Name of Notary

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My Commission Expires: April 10, 2024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: PIEDMONT RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is *Kara Horner*. I am employed by *Piedmont Rural Telephone* Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Controller. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. COMPANY hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to COMPANY was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6th day of Jul

PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON }
AFFIDAVIT

COMPANY: PBT Telecom, Inc. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PBT Telecom, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to PBT Telecom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L.B. Spearman Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 18th day of July 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 26, 202

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: Ridgeway Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Ridgeway Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David H. Brunt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this <u>18<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>July</u> 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is C. Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

C. Lee Chambers

Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_3 day of \_\_July \_\_\_ 2018

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Raymond H. Fisher

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 0 x 22 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

**COUNTY OF DANE** 

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Joel Dolimeier

Joel Dohmeier Vice President

St. Stephen Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this

day of\_

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

NOTARL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COMPANY: WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Lance A. Tade. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Lance A. Tade

Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3rd day of July 201

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Rose Marie Titus

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 08/10/2027

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Joel Dohmeier Vice President Williston Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this A day of

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